

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case CM-2083

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In the Matter of :  
US National Phase Entry :  
Under 35 USC 371 from :  
International Application of :  
Hall et al. :  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/08517 : Group Art Unit : N/A  
Filed on March 30, 2000 : Examiner : N/A

For Fabric Softening Component :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete current claims 1-19 and replace with the new claims 20-37 below.

20. A solid fabric softening component comprising

- (a) a clay;
- (b) at least 5% of a surfactant system;
- (c) at least 15% by weight of a solid carrier material; and
- (d) a flocculating agent.

21. A component according to claim 20 whereby the clay and flocculating are in an intimate mixture with one another.

22. A component according to claim 20 whereby the clay, flocculating agent, surfactant system and carrier material are in an intimate mixture with one another.

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